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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the references listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the below listed Chinese reference is also enclosed.

- (1) CN 1063188A
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 5,241,659

Document (1) was cited during prosecution of a Chinese application corresponding to the above U.S. application. A copy of the Chinese Office Action is enclosed together with an English-language version thereof. Document (2) is believed to be a U.S. counterpart of document (1). A concise explanation of relevance of document (1) is believed to be provided by document (2) and/or the English-language version of the Chinese Office Action.

Inasmuch as the subject application has not yet received a first Office Action on the merits, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449 and to return the initialed form to the Applicants with the next communication.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office by telephone at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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